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SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF LITHUANIAN BALTIC CHARTER ACTIVIST, VLADIS SAKALYS

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. A SWEDISH MFA SOURCE INFORMS US THAT VLADIS SAKALYS ARRIVED ON FOOT IN HAPARAND (NORTHERN SWEDEN) AND CONTACTED SWEDISH POLICE ON JULY 19. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN SWEDEN AND WAS GIVEN A FOREIGNER'S PASSPORT. SAKALYS REMAINS IN HAPARANDA FOR THE TIME-BEING BUT WILL EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT TO REFUGEE FACILITIES IN THE STOCKHOLM ENVIRONS.

3. SAKALYS HAS NOT YET MADE CONTACT WITH THIS EMBASSY. NEITHER HAS HE EXPRESSED TO SWEDISH OFFICIALS ANY WISH TO MOVE ON TO THE UNITED STATES. ON THE CONTRARY, HE HAS TOLD THE SWEDES THAT HE WISHES TO REMAIN IN SWEDEN.

4. SAKALYS HAS INFORMED SWEDISH AUTHORITIES THAT, WHILE IN VLADIMIR PRISON, HE MET SOMEONE WHO HAD COME ACROSS

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MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, RAOUL WALLENBERG, SOMETIME DURING THE 50'S. MFA OFFICIALS MONITORING THE WALLENBERG CASE ARE EAGER TO PURSUE THIS LEAD WITH SAKALYS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN THE STOCKHOLM AREA.

5. ACCORDING TO AN EXPRESSEN ARTICLE OF AUGUST 2, SAKALYS WALKED AND SWAM HIS WAY FROM LITHUANIA TO SWEDEN IN A 20-DAY ORDEAL, AVOIDING, FOR THE MOST PART, ANY HUMAN CONTACT IN FINLAND FOR FEAR OF BEING HANDED BACK TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ONE ELDERLY FINN LIVING IN A SMALL CABIN IN THE FINNISH WILDERNESS SAVED HIS LIFE, SAKALYS SAID, PROVIDING HIM WITH FOOD, A MAP, AND A CHANCE TO REST BEFORE CONTINUING HIS JOURNEY.

6. SAKALYS TOLD EXPRESSEN'S REPORTER THAT HE FLED WHEN HE LEARNED THAT EIGHT FRIENDS WERE ARRESTED FOR SIGNING A LETTER PROTESTING THE HOLDING OF OLYMPIC COMPETITIONS "IN A PART OF THE OCCUPIED BALTIC REGION." SAKALYS, WHO WAS IMPRISONED FOR ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES FROM 1961-67, FLED RATHER THAN FACE A NEW PRISON TERM WHICH MIGHT HAVE AMOUNTED TO TEN YEARS, HE SAID.

7. A SWEDISH MFA OFFICIAL OF BALTIC ORIGINS NOTES THAT SAKALYS IS A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN THE LITHUANIAN DISSIDENT MOVEMENT.

8. ALIEN POLICE OFFICIALS TELL US SAKALYS CAN BE REACHED BY LETTER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: C/O LULEA POLISDISTRIKT, BOX 218, 951 23 LULEA, SWEDEN.
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